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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **Rich Fedorchak Named Chief of Interpretation for Grand Teton National Park**

Acting Superintendent Ralph Tingey is pleased to announce that Rich Fedorchak has been selected as the new Chief of the Division of Interpretation at Grand Teton National Park. Fedorchak has served as acting chief of interpretation for the past eight months after the previous division chief, Bill Swift, retired in June of 2003.

Fedorchak brings an extensive background in interpretation and park operations to this new position. He began his career with the National Park Service (NPS) in 1984 as a seasonal park ranger at Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. In 1986, Fedorchak worked as a park ranger historian at San Antonio Missions National Historic Park in Texas. He transferred to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico in 1987, where he worked for three years as a supervisory park ranger in interpretation. After becoming an honor graduate of the federal law enforcement training center at Glynnco, Georgia, Fedorchak worked as both a backcountry and road patrol ranger at California's Lassen Volcanic National Park. In 1991, he became the Assistant Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Zion National Park, a position he held for six years. Fedorchak came to Grand Teton National Park in 1997 as a district naturalist in the division of interpretation.



Fedorchak graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Interpretation from the University of Idaho at Moscow in 1983. He also earned an A.S. degree in Arboriculture and Park Management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1978.

Fedorchak has been an NPS interpretive skills instructor since 1988 and a Wyoming Representative of the National Association of Interpretation. He belongs to both the National Association of Interpretation and the Association of National Park Rangers. He also currently serves as an NPS critical incident stress management counselor.

Fedorchak enjoys kayaking, hiking, photography, and developing interpretive presentations using creative and advanced techniques. He and his wife Sheri, a natural resource specialist at Grand Teton, have a seven year old daughter, Sarah.

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